GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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PRIOR PERMISSION FOR FOREIGN TV CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign television channels require prior permission to cover natural calamities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): The uplinking guidelines stipulates that the use of all equipment/platforms for collection of footage/news by channels uplinked from outside for specific programme(s)/events(s) of temporary duration will be entertained on recommendation from the PIB and permitted in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs and other Ministries/Departments concerned.

Further, the request of foreign channels, which are uplinked from outside, are considered for grant of temporary permission for live uplinking of specific events including natural calamities for a short duration on a case to case basis.